

The tenth annual Heber Valley Pow Wow was held this past weekend. Thousands of people turned out to watch the Native American dancers compete. Pictured above, Isaiah Thomas, 16, of Salt Lake City representing the Shoshoni Tribe. 2 July 1997

bill (SB 252) shifted the point at which special fuel tax is collected from the retailer to the supplier to prevent circumvention of the law. The bill however, unintentionally removed the tax exemption associated with undyed diesel fuel purchases used in many agricultural applications.

"We, along with other industry representatives, requested something be done," Christy said, "and thanks to sponsorship from Sen. Howard Stephenson and the support of other legislators, we achieved results."

Stephenson sponsored SB 1002 in the special session to restore tax relief to the affected parties. Now, starting July 1, Utah law will provide that individuals purchasing dyed diesel fuel to be subject to the state

with gasoline purchases," Christy said "It also aligns with procedures distinguishing federal tax relief associated with dyed and non-dyed diesel fuels."

If the tax relief hadn't been granted, farmers could have faced an increase of 24.5 cents per gallon of undyed diesel fuel, even if it was used for off-highway purposes.

"If not for the efforts of key legislators on this issue, this could have cost some farmers thousands of dollars per year in extra fuel costs," Christy said. "We at Farm Bureau applaud the leadership exhibited by Senator Stephenson, Speaker Mel Brown, and Representative Chris Fox in the successful passage of this amendment."

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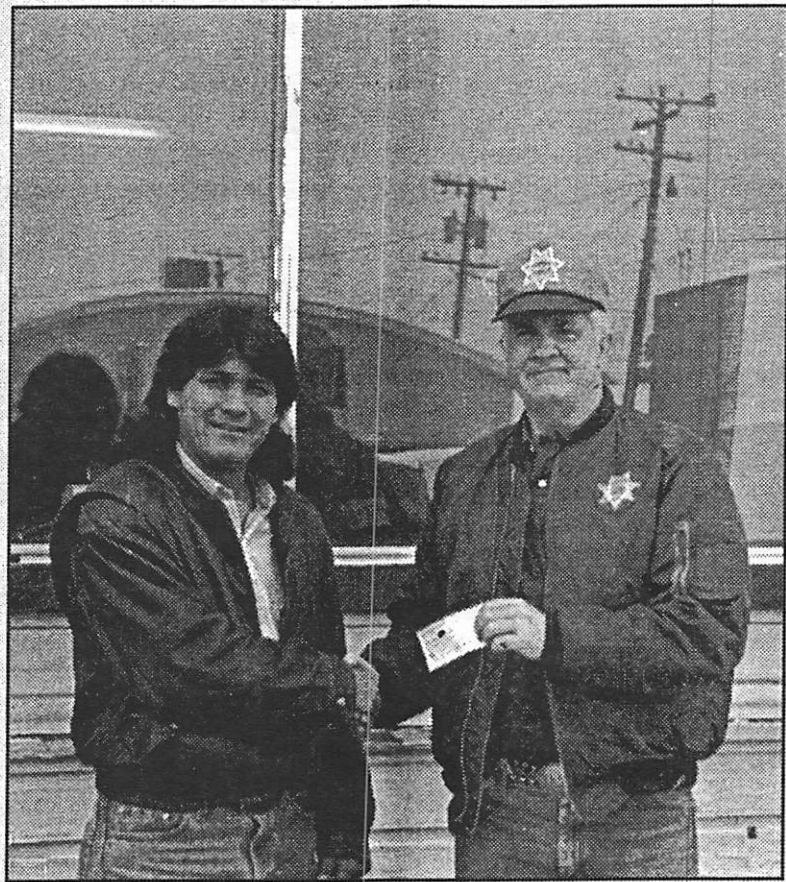
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Nino Reyos, Chairman of the Heber Valley Pow Wow Committee presented a \$500 check to Johnny Wetsel Friday afternoon for the Wasatch County Search and Rescue team to purchase new radio equipment. "We just like to give back to the community," said Reyos. The money was raised during the annual Pow Wow at the Heber fairgrounds and Reyos said the committee is looking forward to more contributions in the future.

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